

THE ELECTION PROTESTED

The following was handed in for publication:

At two o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday last, at the Court House, both candidates being present. Mr. Sheriff Hughes, the returning officer for the electoral district of Prince Albert East, proceeded to make a count of the ballots cast at the election held on the 31st of October and on the 7th of November last. Commencing with the ballot box from No. 1, polling place, the returning officer opened each of the boxes. The ballot in each box until he came to No. 16, where there were no ballots in the box from No. 14, no poll having been opened and held at that division on election day.

Mr. Taylor held that the returns were not in accordance with the announcement made on nomination day, viz; that a count would be held at which the returning officer would appear and produce the poll book.

A protest was then made by Mr. James Taylor, protesting to a declaration of election of any candidate on account of the incompleteness of the returns and other reasons.

by the returning officer and then filed away along with the other election papers.

Electoral District of Prince Albert.

To SHERIFF HUGHES,

Returning Officer.

SIR,—Whereas an election notice was issued by you to the electors of Prince Albert east, under which, all persons were required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly, and it was shown that in that portion of the electoral district of Prince Albert East, lying east of range 20,

west of the 2nd initial meridian, polls would be opened and held on the 7th day of November, A.D. 1894, at Cumberland House, at The Pao, and at Cedar Lake.

And whereas under section 23, of an ordinance to amend and consolidate as amended the ordinances respecting elections to the North West Territories

Assembly, it is enacted that, the returning officer shall thereby require the deputy returning officer to open and hold the poll at the time and place fixed in the election notice and according to the provisions of this ordinance.

And whereas under the said election notice of the returning officer, Alexander McBeath, Esquire, was appointed deputy returning officer for polling division No. 14, known as Cedar Lake.

And whereas on the the day and hours of the day on which votes were to be received at polling division No. 14, known as Cedar Lake, the said Alexander McBeath, Esquire, the deputy returning officer for said polling division No. 14, known as Cedar Lake, contrary to your

election notice and the wishes of the candidates and electors, did not open and hold a poll at polling division No. 14, Cedar Lake, the polling division to which he was appointed.

And whereas by the official returns made from polling divisions 12 and 18, it is shown that only 52 electors polled their votes at the two polling divisions that were opened at The Pax and Cumberland on election day.

And whereas the polling divisions provided by you in that portion of the electoral district of Prince Albert East lying east of range 26, west of the 2nd initial meridian were not sufficient to enable all the electors residing between Sturgeon River and the Grand Rapids, on account of distance, to poll their votes at The Pass and at Cumberland House, and their being at least 200 duly qualified voters between Sturgeon River and the Grand Rapids, only 82 of these electors have been allowed to

And whereas the neglect in not furnishing sufficient polling stations for the con-

And whereas a member has not been duly elected by the people to represent

Prince Albert East in the Legislative Assembly of the North West Territories. Under these circumstances, I protest to the unfair manner in which the polling places have been arranged in that portion of the electoral district of Prince Albert

I protest to your making a declaration of election of any candidate, for the reason that many of the electors were not given polling places where it would be convenient for them to have the opportunity to vote, such as at Sturgeon River, Birch

is River, Cedar Lake and at Grand Rapids.
 ee I protest to your making a declaration
 of election of any candidate from the
 number of ballots that have been provided
 to you on account of the incompleteness
 of the returns of your deputy returning
 officers.

